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RE: Docket TM-04-07, National Organic Program Sunset Review

Dear Mr. Neal:

Wild Oats Markets is committed to providing the highest quality, organic and natural foods that support health and wellbeing and enhance the lives of our customers. Under our own brand, we offer over 200 organic items.

We are writing today to clearly state our continued support of the current National List and all of the substances contained within. The National List was developed by the NOSB in consultation with outside experts. The decision to allow or prohibit substances from the National List is made only after a very thorough review process, which utilizes the expertise of farmers, handlers, processors, and scientists. Wild Oats is in full support of the NOSB review process and the decisions that they make.

To reiterate, Wild Oats Markets is supporting the continuation of the current National List.

Sincerely,

Dan Heiges
*Director of Research and Development,
Quality Assurance and Corporate Standards*